

circular rollers of plural kinds each having a recessed annular forming face, thereby sequentially thickening a rear side of said flange-shaped portion, and forming said thickened flange-shaped portion into a cylindrical shape which is concentric with said base plate, thereby forming a thickened annular peripheral wall.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

line 2, between "The" and "invention" insert --present--;

line 4, between "the" and "member" insert --sheet metal--, and delete "In";

line 5, change "the invention, the" to --The--;

line 11, before "invention" insert --present--;

line 14, change "is projected outside" to --projects outwardly--;

line 18, change ", and the" to --. The--;

line 23, change "with each other, and the" to --together.

The--; and

line 24, change "a" to --the--.

REMARKS

The illustrations on pages 8, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been deleted and a description has been substituted in place thereof. The description chosen approximates the shape as closely as possible.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled thereby rendering the rejection of claims 1-4 as unpatentable under 35 USC 103 over Yamanaka moot.

The rejection of claim 5 as unpatentable under 35 USC 102

over Yamanaka is noted and respectfully traversed.

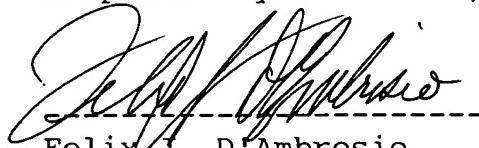
For a claim(s) to be held to lack novelty, it is necessary that each element of the claim(s) must be found in a single reference, In re Bond, 15 USPQ2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990). The disclosure of Yamanaka does not, it is respectfully submitted, include a disclosure of at least the step of the sequential pressing or repeating step of claim 5. Without this disclosure, Yamanaka cannot anticipate claim 5.

Because of the present invention as now embodied in claim 5, deviations in the compression direction can be uniformly arranged in the direction toward the rear side of the flange-shaped portion. Moreover, the step of sequentially pressing the outer periphery of the flange-shaped portion so as to gradually raise the outer periphery toward the rear side prevents the flange-shaped portion from bending, or buckling. Consequently, the range (length) and amount to be thickened can be largely increased.

It is respectfully suggested that Yamanaka cannot anticipate claim 5 because it lacks, at the very least, the features noted above.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claim 5 found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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